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SUBJ: CAIRO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: CAIRO 00683

1. WEIZMAN CALLED DCM AT 0950 HOURS THIS MORNING (JAN. 9)
WITH FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO GAMASY'S COMMENTS:
-- IDF AIRCRAFT. WEIZMAN'S STRONG PREFERENCE IS TO LAND AT
CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RATHER THAN AT GIANACLIS. THEREFORE
HE WILL NOT INSIST ON IDF AIRCRAFT REMAINING IN CAIRO THROUGHOUT
PERIOD HIS STAY. AIRCRAFT WILL RETURN SAME DAY TO ISRAEL. WEIZMAN
ASKED, AS A PERSONAL FAVOR, IF GAMASY WOULD AGREE TO CREW
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SPENDING A FEW HOURS ON THE GROUND SO THAT THEY COULD SEE SOME-
THING OF CAIRO. HOWEVER, IF THIS CAUSES HEARTBURN FOR GAMASY
HE WILL NOT INSIST ON IT. PLEASE CONFIRM.

-- UNIFORMS. WEIZMAN SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BREAK UP CAIRO
CONFERENCE ON THE ISSUE OF UNIFORMS. HE STILL THINKS THAT IT
IS PROPER THAT MILITARY OFFICERS WEAR UNIFORMS TO THE OPENING
SESSION. AFTER THAT, EVERYONE COULD GO TO CIVILIAN DRESS. HE

SAID HE FORESAW ONLY TWO MOMENTS DURING ENTIRE NEGOTIATION WHEN MILITARY UNIFORMS WERE APPROPRIATE: 1) THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAIRO MEETING AND, 2) THE CEREMONY AT WHICH A PEACE TREATY WOULD BE SIGNED. IN ANY CASE, IF ALL THIS PROVES TOO MUCH FOR EGYPTIANS, HE WILL NOT INSIST. BUT HE DOES ASK GAMASY TO REVIEW QUESTION THOROUGHLY BEFORE FINAL DECISION.

-- PRESS. HE ASKED THAT GAMASY BE ASURED THAT HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO CUT BACK ON THE NUMBER OF PRESS ACCOMPANYING HIM. "I DON'T LIKE THE BUGGERS LURKING AROUND ANY BETTER THAN GAMASY DOES," HE SAID.

-- TIME OF ARRIVAL. WEIZMAN ASKED AGAIN THAT GAMASY SET THE HOUR HE WOULD LIKE GOI DELEGATION TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY AND THE TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE. LEWIS UNQTE VANCE

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